
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF August 4, 2008, 6:00 PM
BERKSHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

* The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every public meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation. These rules are available at each Board meeting. Anyone desiring to speak is asked to make this request in advance. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer. Comments shall be directed to the presiding officer; not to Board members individually. Board Bylaw 0169.1

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Miller, Mr. Koster.
Absent: Mr. Honkala

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve the agenda and addendum as submitted.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 Regular Meeting; and the June 30, 2008 Special Meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$692,840.56 for the month of July and any necessary for August, along with month end reports as available, including amended certificate. Total General Fund Certified Revenues: \$10,908,327; Total All Other Funds Certified Revenues: \$1,240,622.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Interest Earned:

The treasurer earned \$11,217.86 in interest for July investments. The total fiscal year-to-date earnings are \$11,217.86. Current interest rate: Star 2.23%, Huntington 2.15%, Charter One 1.83%.

Appropriation Modifications:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve all appropriation modifications for July as needed. Total General Fund Appropriations: \$10,000,000. Total All Other Funds Appropriations: \$1,349,500.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Transfers and Advances:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, to approve the following return of advances from June 2008 to the General Fund:

Return of Advances:

From	516 9208	\$18,887.67
	572 9208	\$ 5,613.22
	584 9208	\$ 2,545.30
	590 9208	\$ 3,942.20
	599 9208	\$ 78.95
To	General Fund	\$31,067.34

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following transfer of funds made in July 2008:

From	001 (General Fund)	\$50,000.00
To	024 (Self Insurance Fund)	\$50,000.00

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Valic Governmental 403 (b) Plan:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the resolution authorizing adoption of the Valic Governmental 403(b) Plan.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Invoice:

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the Then and Now for an invoice fro Britton Smith Peters & Kalail Co., LPA in the amount of \$7,516.38. A purchase order with an adequate balance was not in place at the end of the year.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Honkala, Mr. Koster, Mr. Miller
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Ohio Schools Council:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve participation in the following Ohio Schools Council programs:

Ohio Schools Council	\$ 405.38
Cooperative Purchasing Program	\$ 400.00
LEEMA (Lake Erie Education al Media Consortium)	\$ 285.25
Property, Fleet & Liability Program	No Charge

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

VOCATIONAL REPORT:

Mr. Miller reported that the Auburn Career Center reevaluated their master plan and decided not to put a new levy on at this time. He stated the Auburn cafeteria increased their fees by about twenty percent. They also accepted a few resignations and new hires at their last meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel:

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve five additional extended for the 2008-2009 school year for the Special Education Director, Dr. Gina Symsek.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve supplemental contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for the following employees:

(Contingent upon sufficient number of students signing up and paying participation fees)

Margaret Edwards	Spanish Honor Society
Linda Stone	Jr. High Student Council
Cheri Goggin	Care Team Advisor
Jackie Arnold	Year Book Advisor
Jackie Arnold	English Department Head
Ellen Edeburn	High School Student Council – ½
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Ellen Edeburn	Social Studies Department Head
Sara O'Connor	SADD and TI Advisor
Sara O'Connor	BPDC Chair
Megan Hull	Newspaper Advisor
Megan Hull	Senior Class Advisor
Megan Hull	Asst. Spring Musical Director

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Megan Hull	BPDC Member
Mindy Cannella	Special Ed Department Head
James Lester	Math Department Head
James Lester	Thespian Advisor/Fall Play Director
Maria Ritter	Sophomore Class Advisor
Maria Ritter	Tech Director (Play)
Robin Olds	Junior High Athletic Director
Matt Marks	Band Director
Matt Marks	Spring Musical Director
Matt Marks	Music Coordinator
Linda Stanley	Multi Department Head
Linda Stanley	NJHS Advisor
Joan Prots	NHS Advisor
Joan Prots	Asst. Faculty Manager
Tamara Beitzel	Junior Class Advisor
Susan Rice	Secretary BPDC
Amanda Burzanko	High School Athletic Director
Lynn Hunter	Freshman Class Advisor
Kelly Timmons	Interact (Leadership) Advisor
Carey Maske	Science Department Head
John Savage	French Honor Society
John Savage	AFS Advisor

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to accept the resignation of Meg Slowey, teacher, Berkshire High School who is currently on a leave of absence, effective immediately.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve to decrease the hours of John Savage to 23% with no benefits, per the negotiated agreement for the school year 2008/2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2008/2009 school year:

Joann Green	Faculty Manager
Darlene Cox	Audio Visual Director
Darlene Cox	Project Love Advisor

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve Michael Horton as a substitute custodian for the 2008/2009 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following for coaching positions for the 2008/2009 school year:

Mark Coso	Head Girls' Soccer Coach
Robert Richardson	Jr. High Football
Jerry Hiscox	Jr. High Football

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve a limited one year contract for a cafeteria cook to Cynthia Chilbert, three hours per day, for the 2008/2009 school year, salary and benefits per negotiated agreement.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve Ray Rondini for a Technical Support position at \$15.00 per hour, forty hours per week, effective July 7, through August 31, 2008.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation of Paula Gardner, Special Education / Record Control Clerk effective August 1, 2008.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the agreement between the Classified employees and the Berkshire Board of Education, effective July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following student lunch prices for the 2008/2009 school year:

Elementary	\$2.35
Junior-Senior High School	\$2.60

These costs reflect and increase of \$0.10.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the Burton Elementary and Troy Elementary Handbooks for the 2008/2009 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve a no cost agreement with WVIZ/PBS for participation in the State Supported Television Service for 2008/2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the Positive Education Program (PEP) for Special Education Services for the 2008/2009 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve to award the High School Parking Lot Contract to Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$55,637.19.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the following employees for BPDC members:

Janet Sherman	Troy Elementary Representative
Donna Bixler	Burton Elementary Representative

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve Brian Hiscox for Junior High football volunteer.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Miller to re-instate Leesa Burzanko and remove her name from the RIF list for the transportation department.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

John Manfredi would like to set up a meeting sometime after August 1st to talk about a price and time frame on modular classroom units.

Karen Andrei advised the Board and audience that many inquiries had been made for a copy of the most recent certified agreement. She informed them that the contract was being proofread and will be made available as soon as possible after it has been printed.

Jim Koster inquired about the roof collapse in the High School bathroom that happened during the bathroom renovation project. John Manfredi shared that the collapse occurred when a section of a load bearing wall was removed. Roger Miller stated that he felt the situation was created by the contractor. He feels that it should have been obvious to them that the wall was a load bearing wall.

New Business:

John Manfredi commented on the success of the most recent fund raiser for the Ray Porter family. \$8,500.00 was raised on their behalf. He thanked everyone for their participation and assistance.

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OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Barb Koneicke asked if the student proficiency results for Troy Elementary were available. Doug Delong stated that the results of the OAT and OGT tests will be shared as soon as they are available.

Mark Rhoads is disappointed with the results of the certified agreement, the amount of the increase and the bonuses that are paid for doing their job. He does not like the opt out provision for insurance.

Mr. Manfredi commented that the bonuses Mr. Rhoads are referring to have to be earned. He also addressed the cost of a substitutes to the district versus the cost of bonuses paid out for sick time not being taken. Mr. Manfredi stated that the opt out provision is a lower cost than providing health insurance due to the premium as well as the exposure for additional insured employees.

Scott Weber thinks that the kids and tax payers did not win with the certified agreement. He does not like the bonus being given for district receiving and excellent status. He feels we are living like Beechwood and Dublin. He is also not happy the Ronyak did not get the High School parking lot project paving job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale of public property.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made at:	7:09 p.m.
The Board entered into executive session at:	7:10 p.m.
The Board exited executive session at:	7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to adjourn at 7:56p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. John Manfredi, President

Mrs. Karen Andrei, Treasurer